Determination of dispute as to liability to pay coast-light dues, expenses or costs.

10. Where any dispute arises as to whether any coast-light dues, expenses or costs are payable in respect of any vessel under this Act or as to the amount of such dues, expenses or costs, the dispute shall, on application made in that behalf by either of the disputing parties, be heard and determined by any Magistrate exercising at the place where the dispute arises powers not less than those of a Magistrate of the second class; and the decision of such Magistrate shall be final.

Saving for certain vessels.

11. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to apply to any vessel belonging to, or in the service of, His Majesty or the Government, or to any vessel of war belonging to any Foreign Prince or State.

BOMBAY ACT No. III OF 1915.[1]

[THE BOMBAY DECENTRALIZATION ACT, 1915.]

[*15th June, 1915.*]

An Act to decentralize and otherwise to facilitate the administration of certain enactments in force in the Presidency of Bombay.

WHEREAS it is expedient to decentralize and otherwise to facilitate the administration of certain enactments in force in the Presidency of Bombay;

AND WHEREAS the previous sanction of the Governor General required by section 5 of the Indian Councils Act, 1892, has been obtained for the passing of this Act; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be called the Bombay Decentralization Act, 1915.

Amendments of certain enactments.

2. The enactments specified in the third columns of the Schedules I and II are hereby amended to the extent and in the manner specified in the fourth columns thereof.

Saving of orders, etc., issued by previous authorities.

3 Any appointment, notification, order, scheme rule, form or bye-law made or issued by an authority for the making or issuing of which a new authority is substituted by or under this Act shall, unless inconsistent with this Act, be deemed to have been made or issued by such new authority unless and until superseded by an appointment, notification, scheme, rule, form or bye-law made or issued by such new authority.

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[1] For Statement of Objects and Reasons, *see* Bombay Government Gazette, 1914, Pt. VII, page 1066; for Report of Select Committee, *see ibid*, 1915, Pt. VII, page 97; and for Proceedings in Council, *see ibid*, 1915, Pt. VII, pages 84 and 245.

[2] *See* now Section 80-A of the Government of India Act.